

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 18-29:

Q1 The data sent from a host device to a printer can be regarded as a bit stream as well as a byte stream. Control commands are often composed of bytes, i.e., units of 8 bits, and, in many cases, of multiple bytes. Normally, a command is composed of a command identifier, one or more command parameter bytes following the command identifier when needed, and additional command data when needed. There are two main command types, a first or normal command type and a second command type, the so-called "real-time commands". Normal commands are typically processed in the FIFO (first-in-first-out) order in which the printer receives them. Real-time commands are high priority commands that are processed with precedence over normal commands as is described in detail in EP-A-0 769 737. Real-time commands and normal commands can be distinguished from one another by means of the respective command identifiers.

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(2) ~~Stored~~ Storing the received data in a receive buffer.

Q2 When the interrupt process is completed, the printer returns to the normal processing. In general, the interrupt process is carried out repeatedly until a CR (carriage return) is received or the receive buffer becomes full. In the normal processing, a data stream stored in the receive buffer is interpreted and, in accordance with the interpreted data, a ~~printing~~ print image (bit map) is generated and written into a print buffer. The data in the receive buffer are processed in a FIFO (first in, first out) order. Real-time commands are processed immediately overriding the FIFO order. When the normal processing detects a real-time command in the receive buffer, this command is ignored because it has already been executed in the real-time processing mentioned above.

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Q3 These objects are achieved with a printer as claimed in claim 1, a method of controlling it as claimed in claim 13, an information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 25, a method of controlling it as claimed in claim ~~24~~28, and a storage medium as claimed in claims 26 and 27. Preferred embodiments of the invention ~~are~~ subject-matter of the dependent claims.

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Q4 Instead of using dedicated commands for setting the indication device into a desired ~~on-one~~ one of the two states, upon recognizing any of those of the normal commands that may include a false real-time command, the printer itself may

94 automatically set the disabled state before that command is processed and set the enabled state at the end of the processing of that command. Resetting the indication device into the enabled state may also be performed automatically after the disabled state had been set for a certain length of time or a certain number of bytes of a data stream received.
